

# A pathway ends in success

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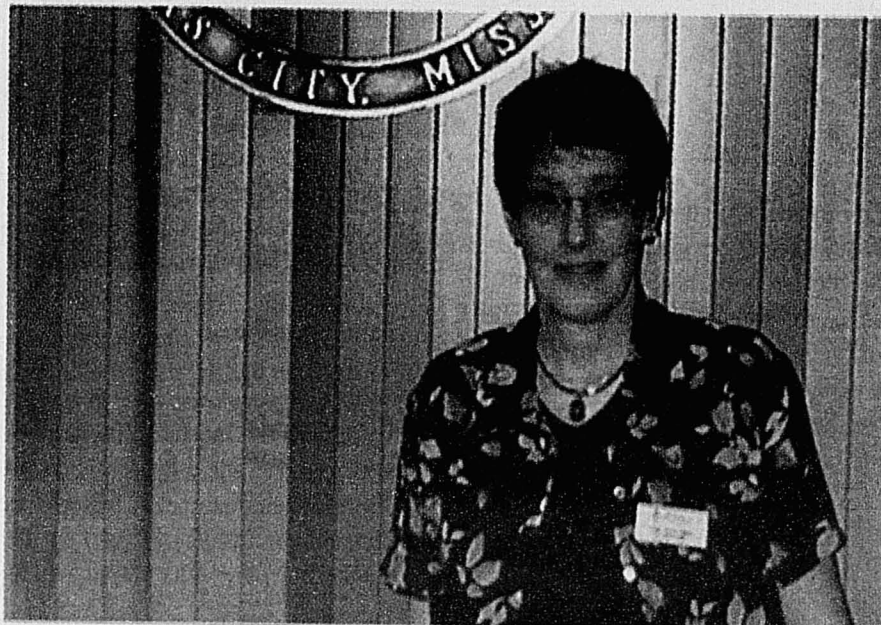
Sports Editor

Prospective students can tune into the radio and hear the message, "Make Avila your pathway to success." One such pathway began 26 years ago and came to a close on Sept. 30 when Toni Bink became the first employee to retire from Avila University.

Bink's journey began at Avila when she was stationed here by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Her first assignment was in the academic dean's office, later taking up the position as registrar. Prior to her arrival, she taught high school mathematics in Peoria, Ill. for 13 years. However, being born and raised in Kansas City, Bink has always considered this her home. The faculty, students and friends she has made throughout her years have made every moment a success.

Bink feels she has been fortunate enough to keep in touch with many of the people having touched her life. The one person she misses the most is the late Richard Scott. When she first arrived at Avila, he was the acting academic dean. They continued to be good friends until his death last March.

Her retirement has caused mixed



Toni Bink retires after 26 years.

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emotions as she has always enjoyed her job. Working as the registrar, she came into contact with nearly every student. Bink loved meeting the new students each semester and they are the reason she kept coming back every year.

"The registrar job is very stressful, but at the same time it is very rewarding when you are standing on the stage and seeing the people come across you have helped. On gradua-

tion day you are losing part of yourself, but it is worth it," Bink said.

"She has been involved with graduating over 4,600 students. She interacted with them once or twice. She just cared tremendously about her job and the people that she served and wanted to do it in a quality fashion," Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Sr. Marie Joan Harris said.

The biggest change Bink has seen

throughout her career was definitely the implementing and advancement of computers. They did not necessarily make her job easier, but they did streamline a lot of the work.

Bink stated that there was not a specific reason for retiring other than she felt the timing was right. She has enjoyed her job greatly, and she has no negatives involving her position.

The new registrar, Aaron Lorenzen, has been with Avila since the start of the fall semester. Bink enjoyed helping and working with him, but sometimes she found herself taking charge.

"Whenever the bell rang out on the counter, I instinctively went out there to help people. It is one thing I will miss the most," Bink said.

While Bink believes she ended her pathway with success, she is not giving up on life. She has plenty of plans to keep herself busy. Her sister Connie is a flight attendant and she hopes to take advantage of the opportunity to travel. Traveling and spending time with her sister is what she looks forward to the most but she has also taken a part time job to stay busy.

## Avila Advantage is "watered down," chair says

Jake Sanders

Staff Writer

Traditional student Chris Gautreaux was surprised when he was told that students in the Avila Advantage program do not receive the same quality education as a traditional four year student. Gautreaux, whose wife is currently enrolled in Avila Advantage, attempted to enroll in the program while trying to expedite his graduation from Avila.

Gautreaux sought to transfer into the faster paced Avila Advantage program to take his final credits and complete his Management Information Science (MIS) degree. Upon discussing his situation with his adviser, Patrick Kopp, Gautreaux was encouraged to talk over his situation with Richard Woodall, chair of the business department. After what Gautreaux considered to be an exhausting time trying to set up an appointment with Woodall, in which he repeatedly felt "blown off," he

finally met with him only to be told that Avila Advantage students could not perform as well as traditional students. Gautreaux was then told he could not attend the Advantage program because they do not currently offer an MIS degree at this time.

Assistant Vice President for Professional Education and Outreach Norman Dexter was asked about the validity of the Advantage program.

"The quality is just as high as the [traditional four year] program, the only difference is the delivery method. There are many accelerated degree programs that I wouldn't be associated with. We have the strongest accelerated program in the Kansas City area," Dexter said.

Upon completion of their degree, Avila Advantage students receive the same Avila diploma as traditional four-year Avila students.

Woodall confirmed that he believes the Advantage program is "watered down."

"The [business] division feels that a

15-week [traditional] semester gives students more time to cover topics in more depth and to assimilate course information, especially for students without business experience."

Woodall said.

Woodall also pointed out that the Advantage program "is designed for adults with business experience and, as such, is targeted for a different audience than the [business] division's programs. The emphasis is on acceleration."

Shedding a more intricate light on his feelings about Avila Advantage, Woodall offered, "I feel that Avila Advantage has and continues to serve the needs of a student body desiring an accelerated format with fewer structured lectures and more interactive learning. For those who need to graduate as quickly as possible, including



Student seeks information about Avila Advantage.

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the student in question [Gautreaux], I have and will recommend Avila Advantage."

The Avila Advantage program continues to grow in its number of students and is seeking growth in its number of majors. The MIS degree sought by Gautreaux is a future possibility for Avila Advantage as the faculty of the accelerated and traditional programs work together to develop new curricula.

"I'd say 90-95 percent of [Avila] faculty support the Avila Advantage program, so I look at that as a positive," Dexter said.



## News Briefs

The United Way offers hundreds of volunteer opportunities. The Kansas City Area Volunteer Centers can link students to numerous opportunities that match skills, interest and availability. Volunteer opportunities range from caregiving for small children and hospice patients to working in a thrift store or volunteering on different committees. For more information call (816) 472-4865 Monday through Friday between 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to dress in purple attire every Wednesday to support Avila and raise spirit across campus. The bookstore offers a discount of 25 percent on Avila wear in support of Purple Wednesday.

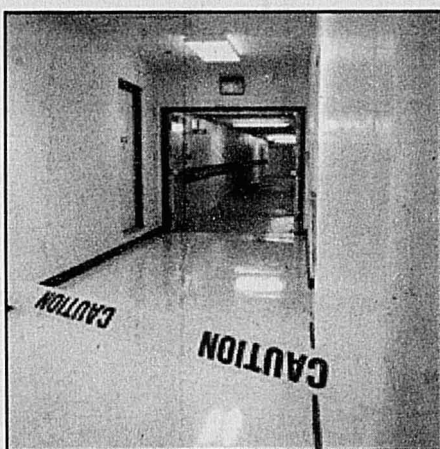
The Avila Classic Golf tournament is held every year to raise money for scholarships that are awarded to students. More than 90 golfers from the Kansas City area participated on Sept. 24 and helped support Avila students. More than \$38,000 was raised, which was a 47 percent increase from last year's tournament.

The Kansas City Symphony's Community Connections Initiative Presentation presents "An Evening of Music for Chamber Orchestra." The concert is held to benefit the Kansas National Day of Prayer 2003. The presentation is sponsored by the Muriel Kauffman Foundation and is offered as an outreach to the community to introduce suburban audiences to the excitement of classical music. The concert is on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Church, at 52nd and Troost in Kansas City. For more information contact Vicki Hauser at (913) 341-2135.

## Moldy mess not a cause for concern

Becca Schunck

Opinions Editor



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Throughout the tunnels that run beneath Avila's campus, the smell of mold has become frequent. The smell became a common complaint among both faculty and students, who either had offices or took classes in the lower level of Marian Center. The smelly situation is rapidly changing thanks to Vice President for Finance and Administrative Service, Paul Bookmeyer, who is in charge of the clean-up efforts.

Despite rumors of the involvement of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which Bookmeyer says are not true, he wants to assure Avila students and faculty that they are safe and the situation is being both monitored and controlled.

"We had concerns expressed about how the building smelled for a long time. Earlier this year we had decided that one way to approach [the problem] was to address the concern that the ducts and ventilation had not been cleaned for a number of years,"

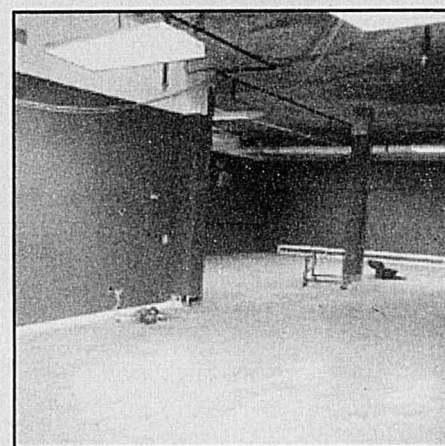
Bookmeyer said.

Though the ventilation system was cleaned, the problem seemed to get worse after the hot and humid summer season. According to Associate Professor of Biology Stephen Daggett, mold consumes organic matter and then creates spores that grow in what appear to be soft cottony clusters called *hyphae*. These clusters of mold were visible when room 714 was reopened after being closed all summer. The mold thrived on the combination of damp air, soft furniture and wood flooring.

Upon discovering the situation in room 714, as well as room 704, Avila called in an independent company to do testing in the areas of concern. The three types of mold found were *cladosporium*, *aspergillus*, and *penicillium*, which are the most common types of mold found in the outside air. What was found when the air was tested was that the concentration of mold in the air of Marian Center was not any high-

er than the content of mold found in the outside air. The reason for the smell and mold growth was not due to a higher concentration of mold, but an environment conducive to the growth of mold.

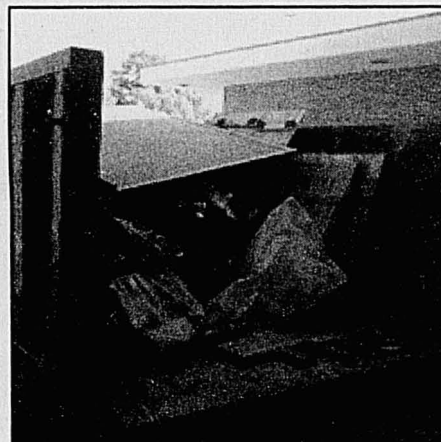
In order to clean up the mold, most



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of the wood flooring, furniture and ceilings were removed. These items will be replaced with furnishings less likely to mold, such as tile flooring and the elimination of furnishings and surfaces prone to dampness. Avila will probably spend upwards of \$10,000 to clean up the mold damage and prevent it from recurring, but an exact cost has not yet been determined.

"We have not put a price tag on it yet. We are more concerned about getting the work done than what the cost of the work is. We are taking a critical look at all the rooms down [in Marian Center] to make sure there is no mold, so we can just try to give people a good place to work," Bookmeyer said.



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## Stress plus midterms equals free counseling

*1 out of 5 college students worry that his or her stress or depression level is higher than it should be, yet only 6 percent are willing to get help.*

~ Roper-Starch Survey (1996)

Leah Foster

Staff Writer

Avila University offers free, confidential counseling to all students. Stana Eager, Avila's clinical counselor, is a licensed clinical social worker trained to help students deal with personal, emotional and academic concerns.

"The counseling services available through Avila are a valuable resource for students," Eager said.

Eager has helped students with issues such as stress, depression, body image, self-esteem, addictions, academic performance, relationships, recent trauma and much more. Eager hopes more students will utilize this service, yet many students do not. She encourages students to call her directly, or stop by her office with any questions regarding her services.

"Students concerned about a problem need to explore the options to get some help," Sue Franklin, coordinator of college skills and disability services, said. "A counselor is

not only available on campus and has the resources to help students, she can expedite referrals if needed."

Carol Frevert, director of health and child services, said that physical symptoms can be a result of emotional/physical stress and family crisis.

"It is reassuring to me to refer to Stana for support as well as professional counsel to deal with these issues and help students be more productive in their academics," Frevert said.

"In the past, Avila's resource services were combined together; the counselor worked part-time as a counselor also in career service and was not always licensed," Gina Frigault, direc-

tor of the student resource center, said. "Avila now requires a licensed master's level counselor."

Students are welcome to stop by or make an appointment for free, confidential counseling in the Student Resource Center in Lower Blasco.

### Clinical Counseling Office

#### Fall 2002 Schedule

816-501-3666

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Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## Peace Studies class acts out the lesson

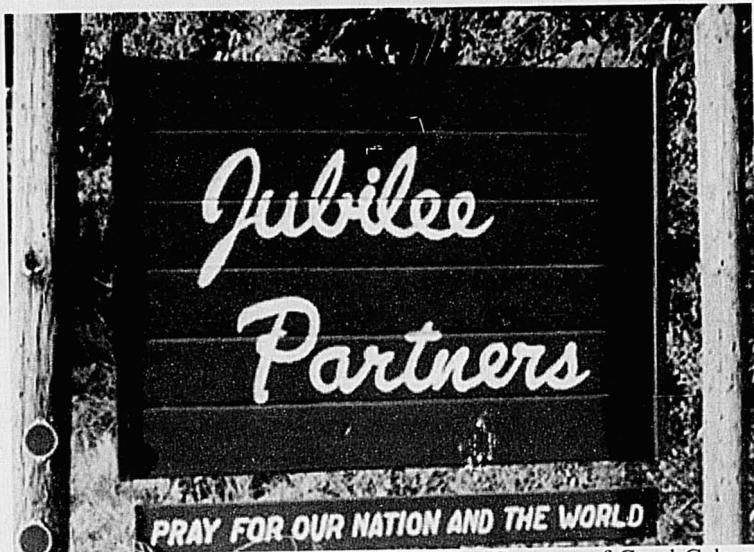
Shannon Degitz  
News Editor

The Peace Studies class will take a trip over Spring Break that will expand students' knowledge and open their eyes to a new world. The trip will step outside of the boundaries of society's norms, and will allow students to experience a socially intense and culturally diverse setting.

The trip is to Jubilee Partners, a Christian service community located two hours east of Atlanta, Ga. Jubilee Partners was founded in 1979 by a group of families involved in founding Habitat for Humanity. The community began a refugee program a year later with 14 Cuban refugees. The program expanded and has since cared for 2,500 refugees from more than 20 countries.

The class will be taught by Carol Coburn, associate professor of religion and history, and Steve Iliff, assistant professor of communications.

"I think that students will have a unique experience. It is valuable and hands



Courtesy of Carol Coburn

on," Coburn said.

"Jubilee Partners have volunteers to help them with the work. Some volunteers stay for a year, others stay for a few months. The Peace Studies class will go down over Spring Break and help with whatever the families want us to do. That may include building onto their swimming dock or painting the inside of a building," Iliff said.

The class will meet four times before going on the trip and once after. The class focuses on teaching nonviolent acts of justice and how to put that knowledge into effect. In previous classes, the students had to complete justice act off campus, but this year the students will go as a class to experience working with refugees who have been scarred and wounded from their encounters in their countries.

The class requires a lab fee of \$325. The cost will include transportation, and food and lodging will be provided by Jubilee Partners.

"We want to give students the experience of living in an intentional community where life and work are intertwined in a very close way that reflects values," Coburn said.

## Avila hosts all-girl competition

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Opinions Editor

The 12th Annual Avila Science and Mathematics Challenge for Young Women will be held in Whitfield center on Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. This competition invites high-school girls within a 50-mile radius to compete in a challenge that covers topics such as biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics and earth and space science. Earth and space science may be any topic from astronomy to geology, meteorology or volcanic activity.

Twelve high schools are competing, including St. Teresa's Academy, Avila's sister high school, and the addition of a new high school from Leeton, Mo. High schools are accepted for the competition on a first come, first served basis. Invitations are sent out and the first 12 high schools to apply are accepted into the competition.

According to Chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics Larry Sullivan, this is a unique competition, not only because of the participants, but because of its format.

"It's unique. The reason it's unique is because it is the only competition in the area that includes all of the basic sciences as well as math, for young women only. Most of the other science and math competitions are really for both men and women," Sullivan said.

Another reason this is not like most science fairs is because it is hosted much like a game show. Each high school brings eight girls that they believe excel in most of the five categories, if not all. The girls are divided

into teams and are asked to answer questions that are shown on a large screen. The fastest to answer the question correctly wins that round. The final team to win the competition is the team of girls that answered the most questions quickly and correctly.

"The students that come [to the competition] are really primed to compete. These are young women from high schools who are absolutely in there to win. They really come in with a strong background and create an environment that is very

high-energy," Sullivan said.

Though the competition may be tough, and the desire to win is a high-priority, that does not mean that someone has to lose. JoAnn Immele, office manager of the science and mathematics division, believes that all of the girls have a chance to win.

"There is an overall winner, but they also get awards within the individual categories. So a team may get first place in biology, but not be an overall winner. This leaves a chance for everyone to win something," Immele said.

At the end of the competition, an awards ceremony takes place. Category winners take home a framed certificate of recognition and overall winners receive a plaque. Every girl receives a T-shirt for competing and most will win some type of award.

"This competition is unique to the entire metropolitan area. It is definitely providing a service. The high school teachers tell us it does, and the young women involved love it," Sullivan said.

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~Larry Sullivan

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# A-choo! Here comes the flu

**Jamalaa' Ferrell** —  
Staff Writer

Muscles aches, fever, chills, headache, dry cough, weakness and fatigue. It's flu season again. Ducks,

seals, horses, pigs and humans have one thing in common: they can all catch the flu. According to a pamphlet

by the ETR Associations, a professional health group, "69 million work/school days are lost due to the flu every year."

The flu is caused by a virus, or bits of genetic information surrounded by a protein shell. If the virus gets inside some of those cells, its genetic instructions trick your cells into making copies of the virus. The infected cells release the virus copies, which then infect new cells. In the case of the flu, the viruses infect the lining of the tubes that carry air to your lungs. That is the reason why the body aches and people feel drained when they have the flu.

Sometimes a bad cold can be mistaken for the flu. Usually the flu causes less stuffy noses and mucus than a typical cold. Flu symptoms generally last only a few days, but a tired, exhausted feeling may last even longer.

The flu can be prevented.

"Getting a yearly vaccine can help students get over the worry of getting the flu," Director of Health and Child

Services Carol Frevert said.

ETR Associations states that this is an effective vaccine, and reduces the chance of getting the flu by about 75 percent, but it is necessary to get the vaccination every year for it to be effective. Even though there are a few side effects, this may avoid the loss of work and school.

"If there is a close proximity of contact among students, whether they reside on campus in the dorms, or in an apartment with friends, getting the vaccine will help out tremendously," Frevert said. Students can minimize the chances of getting the flu by getting a yearly vaccine, washing hands as much as possible and not smoking.

Avila and the Red Cross of Kansas City will hold a flu clinic for vaccinations and any questions pertaining to the virus on Nov. 11 and 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Barefoot Room in Marian Center. Contact Frevert, for further information at (816) 501-3668, or by email at frevertcm@mail.avila.edu.



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Sixty-nine million work/school days are lost to the flu every year.

## Student Spotlight: Jonathan Monk

**Jamie Cox** —  
Spread Editor

On a crisp October morning, while many Avila students were still in dreamland, Avila Advantage student and Star 102 morning show co-host Jonathan Monk was well into his workday. With a morning full of talk, music, and "Live Free in 2003" giveaway promotions behind them, Monk and Diana Kelly, Jonathan's wife and morning show co-host, were prepping for an interview with Tanika the "Soap Opera Queen" and host of her own show on the cable channel *Soap Net*.

"I don't follow the soaps or anything, but is *General Hospital* still hot?" Monk asked Tanika as a short interview preparation. Once Tanika answered, Monk and Kelly then eased into an unprepared interview that could have fooled any listeners that these two did not keep up to date on their soaps. For Monk, this is just another day.

Inspired to go into radio by a high school teacher, Monk and his wife made names for themselves across the country as solid on-air talent. From Fresno, Calif. to Jacksonville, Fla., Monk and Kelly impressed many, including their current boss, who convinced them to move to Kansas City and help boost his new adult contemporary station 102.1 FM, or Star 102. Once settled into Kansas City, Monk was determined to go back to school. He began working on the business administration degree that he had started before his career, wife and two children, Austin and Janina, became the center of his universe.

"I needed to settle some unfinished business," Monk said. "I needed to get back and finish my degree, not just for me, but it was a good way to show my children to take a look at education and realize just how important it is, especially at their impressionable young ages."

Monk chose the Avila Advantage program because it was extremely flexible and worked with his busy schedule: a schedule which includes a 2:30 a.m. wake-up call, the morning show, charity work, radio remotes and appearances, and of course, family time.

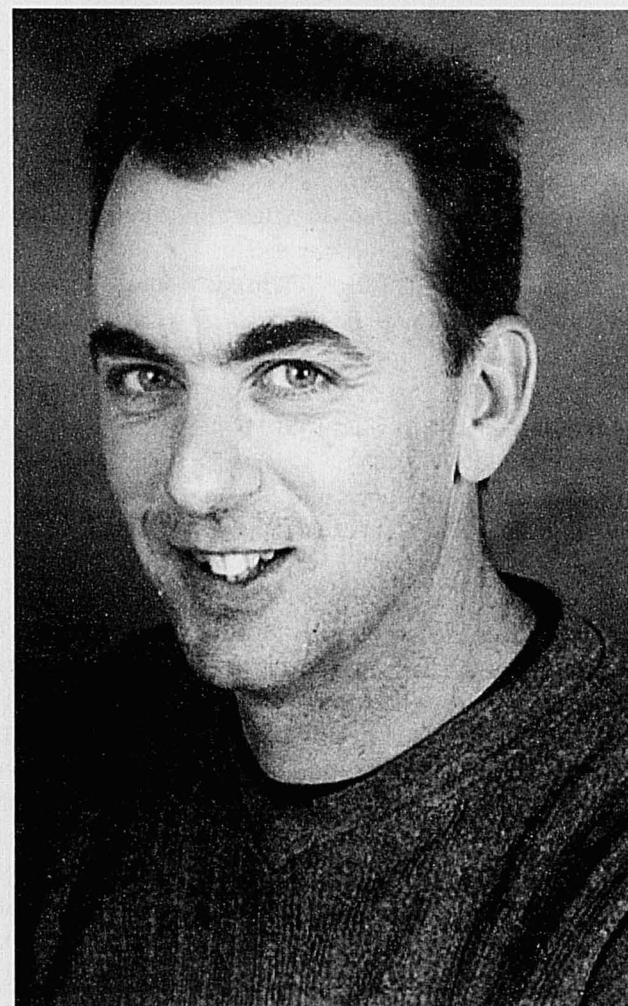
"Don't forget about homework, lots and lots of homework," Monk admits spending at least 30 hours a week on homework and reading for class.

"I love being back in classes, but I have to admit, it's tough on Diana. She's the one at home with the kids. You see, spouses of people going back to school to get their degree really have to pick up a lot more of the slack on the family front," Monk said. "But in the end, it's all for the best."

Monk's advice to younger students at Avila is to, "Just focus, and get it done. Avila is great, but if you don't discipline yourself you will be in trouble."

Monk works hard to balance his life and school as he puts in time as husband, father and student. He will continue to have fun doing what he is doing while blasting it over the airwaves every weekday morning.

## Eagle on-air



Avila Advantage student Jonathon Monk hosts the morning show for local radio station Star 102.



## The Eagle's Nest is hatching

Keriann Weister —  
Staff Writer

Avila has long awaited the completion of the construction to the new Eagle's Nest, and now it is here. The new Eagle's Nest is located in the bookstore's old location in lower Marian Center. Walls have been knocked down, new carpet put in and track lighting installed to brighten student life. Director of Student Activities Jason Baldwin, has headed the project from the beginning.

"This will be a place where students can relax, hang out and have fun," Baldwin said.

The new Eagle's Nest boasts new lounge furniture, bar tables and chairs as well as activities for those bored of television.

"We have ping-pong, pool and foosball tables," Baldwin said.

Those not bored of television will be happy to watch it on a new big screen.

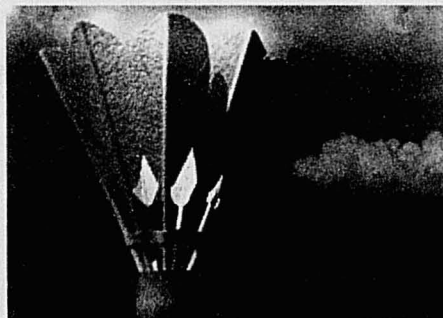
"The furniture is comfortable and there are things to do. You don't have to sit and watch TV all day," fresh-

man Danielle Storck said.

As well as a place to relax, the Eagle's Nest will hold many of the upcoming events. Group Activities Programming (GAP) is sponsoring a Halloween party on Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. They are also planning a Casino Night on Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. where Avila students will be given 50 GAP bucks to use for gambling. All of the winnings can be spent at the GAP Auction Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. for prizes including compact disc players, television sets and much more.

"[Eagle's Nest] will give students something out of the ordinary to do," GAP President Sarah Barker said.

Although hours of operation for the Eagle's Nest have not been determined as yet, Baldwin is working to get everything set up. Though students cannot individually reserve the Eagle's Nest, recognized student organizations may reserve the room by calling Roberta Aguirre 816-942-3660.



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Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

If you often feel strapped for cash there are places around Kansas City and in the Avila community that offer student discounts, as well as cheap prices to fit right into a student's budget.

Burger King at the corner of Red Bridge and Holmes offers a 10 percent Avila student discount. Subway at 103rd and State Line also offers this discount to Avila students who show their student identification card. Tuesday night is "Taco Tuesday" at Margarita's Restaurant in Martin City. Tacos are buy one, get one free at a price of \$2.20.

A place to get pizza and cold beer is Old Chicago at 97th and Quivira. This restaurant hosts the World Beer Tour and 110 beers from all over the world. They offer beer specials every weekday and half price burgers and \$5 Miller Lite pitchers during Sunday Chief's games.

For those 21 or older, inexpensive drinks can be found at the casinos. Ameristar Casino offers mixed drinks for around \$2 and free live entertain-

ment most nights.

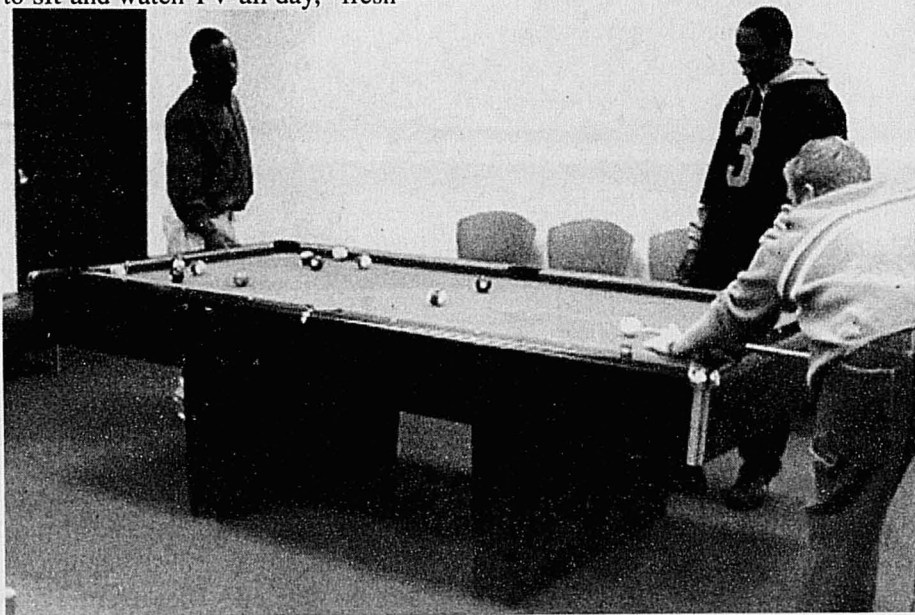
The Guacamole Grill on Holmes hosts "Avila Night" on Wednesdays. Drink specials are dollar draws and \$1.50 mixed drinks. Another place to find cheap drinks is Harpo's in Westport. Tuesday night's special is quarter draws and the patio out back is a great place to hang out on a cool autumn night. Lucky Brewgrille on Johnson Drive in Mission has nightly drink specials and no cover charge.

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art have free admission and run exhibitions throughout the year. They are located only minutes away, near the Plaza. The Bottleneck in Lawrence, Kan. is the place to see another type of art: music. Concert tickets are usually about \$6 a person.

The days are getting cooler but the popsicle shop, Paleteria Chihauhau, located at 75th and Quivira in Shawnee, is open year around. They offer homemade creme and fruit popsicles, ranging from strawberries n' cream to avacado for only \$2.



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Burger King on Red Bridge and Holmes offers a discount to Avila students.



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Students enjoy a game of pool in the new Eagle's Nest.

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# Scared

## Stull Cemetery. Urban legend?

A local urban legend states that Stull, Kan. is home to one of the seven gateways to hell. Stull is a small town located about 10 miles west of Lawrence, Kan. in Douglas County. This rumored gateway consists of the remains of a small church in the center of Stull Cemetery.

Once a barn for black magic and witchcraft in the early 1800s, the barn later became a church and a place for Christian worship. However, in the early 1900s, the roof collapsed and only the walls remained standing.

According to town legend, on Halloween night, the devil appears simultaneously at two places on earth at the stroke of midnight. Supposedly, one of these places is the church remains in the Stull Cemetery, the other in the plains of India. The devil then gathers all souls who died terrible deaths, and dances across the earth for one hour.

On Halloween night in 1999, news crews and anxious revelers set up cameras outside the cemetery walls, in hopes of catching a glimpse of Satan himself, according to the

Lawrence Journal-World newspaper. The news crews wanted to get real footage and prove the existence of the devil, or put this urban legend to an end. Yet, the news crews were

ordered to leave by a groundskeeper at approximately 11:30 p.m., leaving the journalists empty handed and the rumor to continue its course.

One year earlier, a 120-year-old pine tree where witches were rumored to have been hanged, was cut down by the authorities the day

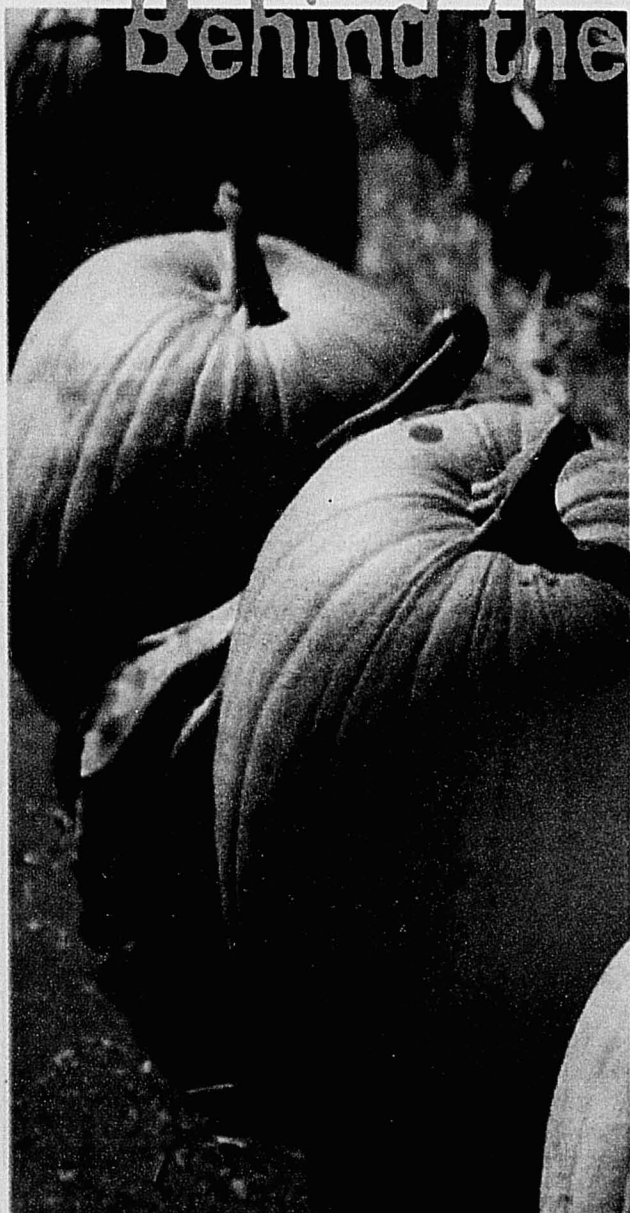
before Halloween. This tree, which was still alive when cut down, supposedly grew so large in the 1970s that it split a headstone down the middle. This is generally thought of as a

bad omen, and thus fueled the centuries-old rumors that Stull Cemetery is one of the seven gateways to hell.

Numerous rumors and tales surround this supposedly unholy ground.



## Behind the costumes and candy...



Vampires, witches, and goblins are just a few of the creatures that will surface on "All Hallow's Eve," or Halloween, as it is more commonly known. The history of Halloween dates back to the fifth century B.C. and continues to change as years pass and customs alter.

The word Halloween originates from Celtic tribes and the Catholic Church. "All Saints Day," a Catholic day of observance in honor of saints, was also referred to as "All Hallow's Day" and occurs on Nov. 1. Over time, All Hallow's Eve was shortened to Halloween. According to an ancient Celtic legend, on the eve before All Saints Day, the disembodied spirits of all those who had died throughout the preceding year would come back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year, and it was believed to be their only hope for after-life.

One Avila student remembered a similar legend from her childhood.

"My mom always told me if I sneezed three times in a row on Halloween without someone saying 'God bless you,' souls that were unsettled would take over my body and possess me," senior Sara Beckley said.

The Celts believed all laws of time and space were suspended on this day and did not want to be possessed by these spirits. They would put out all of the fires in their homes to make them cold and undesirable and then dress up in different ghoulish costumes and noisily parade around the neighborhoods, trying to scare away the drifting souls.

The custom of trick-or-treating originated from a ninth-century European custom called "souling." On the day following All Saints Day, referred to as All Souls Day, early Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes" made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more received, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the donors' dead relatives.

People's views differ on the celebration of Halloween and the decision whether or not to observe the tradition is usually based on religious background. From a Christian perspective, the holiday is a fun time for celebration and should be embraced whole-heartedly.

People around Avila agreed with Christian theories about celebrating.

"I always went trick-or-treating when I was a little kid and could dress up however I liked. Halloween was always fun for me," senior Angela Long said.

"There is nothing wrong with Halloween from a religious perspective. The day itself is only as evil as one cares to make it," Director of Campus Ministries, Dave Armstrong said.

Armstrong views it as a preparation for a religious holiday and a good day for kids. It is a day to learn about the saints and also time to bless the graves of those who have passed.

"Hey, I love the candy and I even still dress up," Armstrong said.



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## Or the devil's gateway to hell?

One of the most renowned legends among the townspeople is that when it rained, the water trickled down the walls of the church as if there was still a roof present. No precipitation ever entered the inside of the church.

Another tale mentions that along with appearing on Halloween night, the devil visits a witch on the winter or spring equinoxes. Her tombstone, which is buried near the church reads, "Wittich." Yet another grave near the church allegedly contains the bones of the offspring of the devil and the witch. The legend states that this child of Satan appears in the form of a

werewolf, and can be seen lurking in the surrounding trees.

Stairs in or near the church are said to lead to hell. Upon descending the stairs, people either do not return, or return two weeks later, feeling as though they have been gone only a few minutes.

Bottles thrown against the walls of the church in the sign of the devil (an upside-down cross) did not break, no matter how hard they were thrown. Those thrown otherwise, or in the sign of the cross, shattered instantly.

"My friends and I went to the cemetery on Halloween night three

years ago because we heard it was haunted. I never knew it was supposed to be a portal to hell until recently," senior Kathryn Stasevich said. "I was too scared to throw bottles because it was a church and it was Halloween night, but my friends did. Only a few of the bottles broke."

Another rumor regarding the cemetery is that Pope John Paul II will not allow his private plane to fly over Stull because it is unholy ground.

"I have never read anything credible about the Pope not flying over that particular airspace," Assistant Professor of Theology Mary Hynes

said. "I do not believe that the Pope would be concerned about that airspace because the Catholic Church accepts scripture as the inspired word of God, but it is not always literal. That means that the truth is often given to us in metaphors, parables and other literary devices. I truly believe [Stull Cemetery] to be an urban legend."

The remaining walls of the church were demolished last April. Though the structure of the church is no more, the cemetery and supposedly the stairway remain, and the urban legend of the Kansas gateway to hell lives on.

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## Avila cheerleaders stand out at camp

Alissa Nicole Solis

Staff Writer

Coming out on top is not always an easy task, unless it is the Avila cheerleading squad. At the beginning of August, they attended a spirit camp hosted by the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA). The camp is held every year throughout the country but this was the first time for the Avila squad to attend.

While at the camp, the squad won four awards and was voted the top women's squad by the UCA staff. However, the women felt they did not receive as much attention from the staff as the rest of the squads. This is due to the respect UCA gave to their coach, Jason Sack.

"They felt as if Jason was our coach, then we were already prepared," Heather Montes said of Sack who formerly was a member of the UCA staff.

The squad received four different trophies, including the highest award, Most Collegiate. It was voted on by the staff and presented to the cheer-

leaders. The other three awards included: first place for cheer, first place for sideline and first place for fight song. Christy Arel, Rachel Caylor, Iris Haynes and Stacey Young also received invitations to be part of the UCA staff.

"The squad came together and concentrated on each other. It was nice to be noticed," Haynes said.

During their off-time, the women were able to relax and have some fun.

"The funniest night was when we played board games, danced with the boys and videotaped everything," Montes said.

The Avila cheerleading squad formed two years ago when Sack became the coach. Last year the squad consisted of six women. This year there are 14. However, only 13 attended the camp.

"We have greatly improved with the numbers on the squad and the talent on the team," Sack said.



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The Avila cheerleaders were honored with the Most Collegiate award by the staff members at the UCA camp this past summer.

## Senior spotlight: Aaron Weaver

### A finite choice with infinite memories

Kimberly Brim

Staff Writer

Senior defender Aaron Weaver never played competitive soccer before signing to play at Avila. Lack of money prevented him from playing on teams other than recreational and

high school teams.

Weaver began playing indoor soccer when he was 3 years old. His mother could not afford to put him on club teams when he was younger, so she assisted him and his brothers as his coach in recreational soccer. The first time he played outdoor soccer was when he was 13 years old.

"I always played rec league soccer. Until I came to Avila, the farthest I had traveled to play was Topeka. Some of the guys had played in places like Minnesota,

California and even overseas,"

Weaver said. "I had never played for an actual coach either. My mom always coached my brothers and me."

Weaver is majoring in mathematics and getting a minor in secondary education. He plans on student teaching next fall. After graduation, he plans to work toward his master's in math and education, and then acquire a doctorate.

A 1999 graduate of Olathe North High School, Weaver spends much of his free time helping others while doing work study in the library.

"Choosing the library as my work study, has really made a difference in my grades. It was recommended to me by a senior on the soccer team when I was a freshman," Weaver said.

Weaver has made the Dean's List every semester at Avila. He also received the Academic All-American Award, the Avila Mathematicians Award and the Spirit of Avila Award.

Weaver's most memorable game came when he was a sophomore in the 2000 season.

"It was the first game I ever played in here at Avila and I scored two goals. It was a home game against Briarcliff so everyone, including

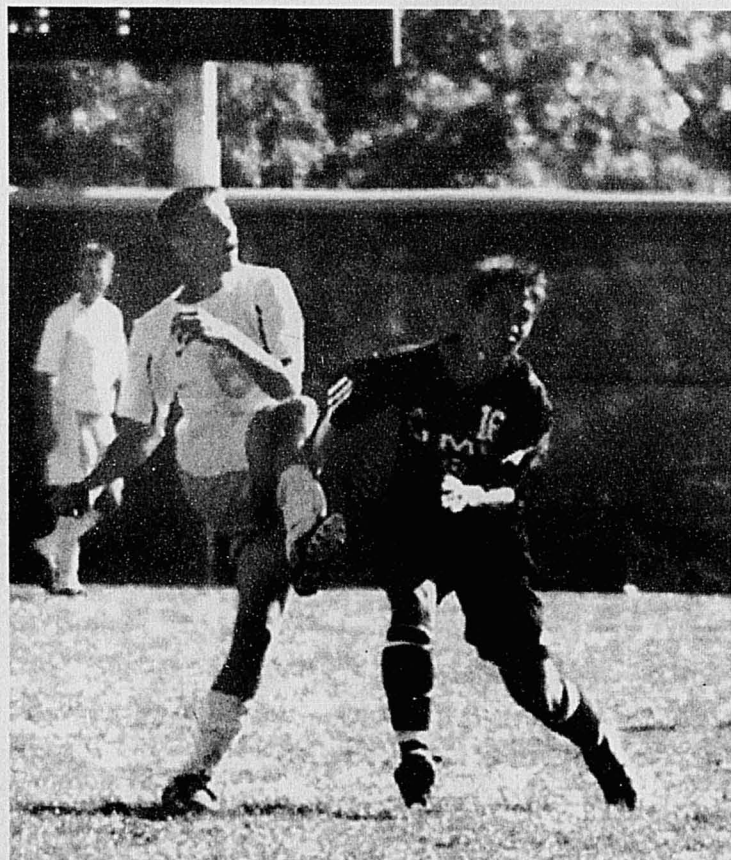


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many of my teachers, got to see it," Weaver said. "It was very exciting for me."

Weaver received a mild concussion that game as well.

"I was just standing there waiting for the ball and this guy sprinted up behind me and knocked me out. He got a yellow card and I was okay."



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## Season continues minus goalkeeper

Jeffrey Walker  
Staff Writer

It is the middle of the women's soccer season and they still do not have a goalie. They have been without one for the entire season. Players have been rotated to fill the spot but many have no experience with the position.

"A soccer team without a goalie is like a football team without a quarterback," senior defender Sara Beckley said.

"Katie McRoberts had some experience at goal in high school but never told us. She decided to try it out," senior mid-fielder and team captain Lindsay Todd said. "She's practicing every day and getting much better."

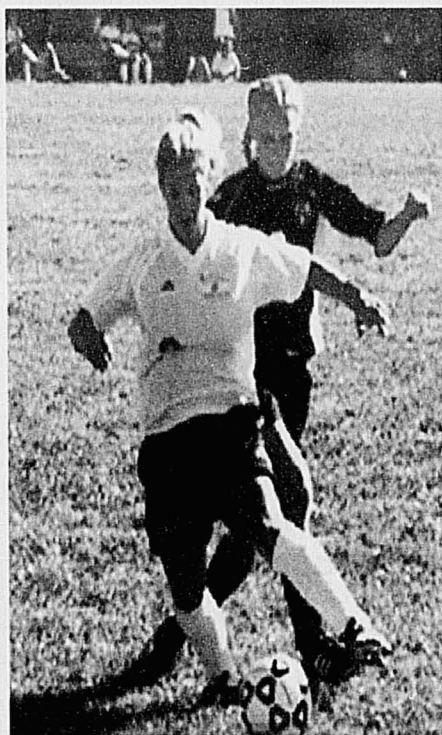
According to Todd, the coaches have been looking to sign a goalkeeper since last season, but have not been successful.

"The coach tried to recruit about six girls who could play goalie but none of them signed with us," Todd said.

Head Coach Paul McNally and Assistant Coach Joe Burke are doing a lot of work to find a goalie for next season. They are mostly recruiting within the Midwest region of the country.

"Our primary focus [when recruiting] is to find a true goalkeeper," McNally said.

While not having a goalie is problematic, the team still manages to win games. McNally sees the good things happening on the field and believes it is because of the team effort. He hopes that the team will get better with each opponent.



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Freshman Zoe Shaffer avoids her opponent.

## Injuries plague soccer season

Nicole Sowders  
Staff Writer

While injuries are common in sports and expected by players, the men's soccer team has already had its fair share for one season.

One player, Thomas Gregar, has acquired a couple. First, his nose was broken during a game and then his leg. He is unable to play the rest of this season.

"It's amazing that we have several soccer players on the roster, and more than half of them aren't able to play because of injuries. A player like David Madeo is able to play some games, and other games he is not because of a hamstring injury," sophomore sweeper Gregar said.

Several players on the soccer team are injured but continue to play. Senior forward Josh Englerbrake has a bad ankle and is planning on surgery when the season is over. He continues to play every game. According to his teammates, Englerbrake goes in the game, scores a few goals, but then has to come out because of the pain in his ankle.

While injuries plague the team, three players are finally starting their season due to injuries that prevented them from playing. Junior defender Aaron Kanatzar was injured at the beginning of the year. Senior defender

Paul Oxler had a broken foot, which is now healed, and junior forward Mike Johnson had a knee injury.

Four players on the team are in and out of games because of their injuries. Freshman midfielder Matt Miles has back and leg problems and freshman forward Edoh Enyonami's continues to struggle with a knee injury. Junior midfielders Madeo and Jesse Rogers both have pulled hamstrings that allow them to play only a limited time.

"I wouldn't say the year is for rebuilding, but an injury year," Assistant Coach Ken McDaniel said.

Last year's record was 13-3-1. According to senior midfielder and captain Aaron Weaver there is still time to turn things around to do what is needed to have a successful season. Weaver believes the struggle comes from both the rebuilding process and the injuries.

"I think it is possible to turn the season into a winning record," Weaver said.

"Some of the struggle comes from a couple of recruits who never showed up in preseason. The team was expecting strong players to come in," Rogers said.

"To add to that, we lost five really



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Freshman Preston Porter goes on the attack.

strong seniors last year, all of which were starters," Gregar said.

With a record of 4-6-1, the team still hopes to make it into the playoffs. Many remain very optimistic about the remainder of the season. The season is only halfway done.

"There is still hope to turn it around and make it into the playoffs," senior goalkeeper Nick Baum said.

"We have a great team, but we have had bad luck," McDaniel said.



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## Film Review: Songs mend the tears of apartheid

Rachel Murphy  
— Arts & Entertainment Editor

Apartheid is something that many people of my generation know very little about. The recent Kansas City Film Festival did something about that. *Amandla! A Revolution in Four Part Harmony* was recently screened there after winning two Sundance awards. The documentary, by 30-year-old Lee Hirsch, tells the story of apartheid, the backward, racist governmental system of South Africa from 1948 to 1991.

*Amandla* means, "power" in Zulu, the native language of South Africa.

The film explores how the songs of the people brought strength and social change to the oppressive government. The film chronicles the freedom marches in Johannesburg similar to our own freedom marches with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In a recent interview with Hirsch, he discussed the difficulty of getting footage of the marches because of the documentation of police brutality.

"When I went back to them to ask them for the footage, they had

destroyed it, all of it, in the wake of the Truth Commission, because it was evidence and they were protecting themselves."

Hirsch lived in South Africa for much of the time that it took to film the documentary, which totaled almost nine years. This is Hirsch's

first film and was an offshoot of other efforts that he had been pursuing.

"It sort of came at a time when I had very recently decided to be

a filmmaker . . . I had been sort of an activist for a really long time, you know, going and protesting, getting arrested, doing that kind of thing . . . I felt like I could make more of an impact through filmmaking and reach more people and I was really into the idea . . . and being able to make media is an amazing way to affect social change."

The film is a powerful testament to the strength of a people united. The music gave them the *amandla* to change their world.

"...I felt like I could make more of an impact through filmmaking..."

## Dining funk style with the legends of Motown

Jeremy Lillig  
— Staff Writer

"Ain't too proud to beg, sweet darling... please don't leave me girl." These words of familiarity would be not nearly as well known if it had not been for the Funk Brothers turning out their patented beats, grooves and licks. Recently dubbed "the most underappreciated musicians ever to pick up an instrument," the Funk Brothers made the trek to the Kansas City Film Festival to promote their documentary made to preserve their phenomenal legacy.

I had the pleasure of going to dinner with Joe Turner, Bob Babbitt and Uriel Jones. These three men have touched so many people's lives just by doing what they do best: playing music. Feeding myself not just with food but with knowledge as well, these three men truly inspired me.

It was such an odd experience to walk down the street with them and have no one recognize them. These men have played on more number one records than Elvis, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Beach Boys combined. They have made us happy, sad, socially aware and cool throughout our lives. Through dinner, they told stories of their lives and gave commentary on how they do not like today's rap music.

Although they were not as peppy as they once were, having dinner with music legends was a truly great and informative experience. Their lives were full of struggle just to get recognized for their work and I was glad to be there as a part of the journey.

## Documentary Review

### *Standing in the Shadows of Motown*

Courtesy of Artisan Entertainment

The documentary to accompany some of the least recognized musicians in history played to a packed house Oct. 10 at the Kansas City Film Festival. Accompanied by three Funk Brothers and the film's producer Allan Slutsky, this film epitomizes art. It takes the audience through the journey of the amazingly talented lives of the Funk Brothers as they tell the stories of playing for some of the most famous musicians in history.

The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson and Stevie Wonder all are featured with stories about their work throughout the documentary. Set against the backdrop of

well known music and performances from today's artists, this documentary shows that the Motown sound was in the music and not the singer's voices. Although the producers had trouble finding performers to come and give these guys credit, it worked out as they featured truly talented and dedicated performers. Joan Osborne, Ben Harper and Chaka Khan are among the artists that performed with such grace and style that it makes you feel as though you were there during the filming. It is truly safe to say that the Funk Brothers and *Standing in the Shadows of Motown* deserve every bit of recognition that they will receive as a result of this amazing documentary.

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## CD Review: Post-rock music refreshes tired scene

Matt Schmidt

Staff Writer

Tired of the same old songs and groups on MTV and Top 40 radio? Here are a few bands that should be checked out by listeners.

**Godspeed You! Black Emperor:** This nine-piece band hails from Montreal, Canada, and offers some of the most interesting band and song arrangements. As of now, there are nine members, even though no one knows exactly which nine are in the group. Every member of the band is in two or three separate bands. On the music side, GY!BE (for short) uses a wide variety of musical instruments. Violins, cellos and a glockenspiel are all played by the band. The length of the songs also make GY!BE stand out. The average Godspeed songs runs about 20 minutes in length, but you will not even realize that 20 minutes has gone by.

**Sigur Ros:** Most people think that Bjork is the only musical export from Iceland. Well, they are wrong. Sigur Ros sings in Icelandic and Hopelandic (a made-up language by the band).

"You don't even mind that you don't know what the singer is saying. You don't need to understand. The music speaks for itself," sophomore Molly Fonseca said.

Singer/guitarist Jonsii Birgisson uses a violin bow on his guitar, which contributes to the otherworldly sound. Their new release, ( ), features eight songs, none of which are named. The band did this so that the listener can name the songs whatever they want.

"It's pretty fun confusing the people with having no song titles on the album. The listener just names the songs based on what she or he hears," Birgisson said.

The same principle applies to the name of the album. The listener is supposed to name the album whatever he or she wants, hence the blank space in the parentheses.

**Mogwai:** Unlike the two bands listed above, Mogwai will blow your eardrums out with the sheer force of their songs. Tunes like *My Father, My King*; *With Portfolio* and *Sine Wave* will all make the listener reach for a pair of earplugs. But hold off on putting in the plugs, for you will miss the beautiful melodies that Mogwai can string together. *Cody*, *Take Me Somewhere Nice* and *Burn Girl Prom Queen* are beautiful songs. Anyone looking for the best of both music worlds should definitely check this band out.

## Film Review

### *Igby Goes Down*

He Said ★★★

★★ She Said

Rated: R

Starring: Kieran Culkin, Susan Sarandon, Jeff Goldblum, Ryan Phillippe, Claire Daines, Amanda Peet, and Bill Pullman



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Jeremy Lillig

Staff Writer

No, this is not a porno. Rather a brilliant film adaptation based on facts and the ever reoccurring use of the character, Holden, from J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*.

The story follows the trials and strife of the main character Igby (Kieran Culkin) as he searches for his destiny from adolescence into adulthood. Taking the name from a childhood doll, he encompasses every trait of its rather satirical sound. And yes, he does in fact go down, but not in the way that perverted minds may think. Rather, he self-destructs in the world of riches and pre-laid destinies that surround him by his crazy father (Pullman),

*This film is full of astonishing performances and deserves an audience.*

his manic depressive, volatile mother (Sarandon), his republican Hampton-wannabe brother (Phillippe), and his wealthy and promiscuous godfather (Goldblum). Oh yes, there is also the loft he uses, owned by a heroin addict (Peet), and the girl he (and his brother) falls in love with (Danes).

This film has its flaws; after all it is the writing and directing debut of Burr Steers. However, the overall message is truly one to think about: finding your destiny. Culkin does an impressive job in displaying the intense emotions of dealing with his dysfunctional family and finding his place in life. He never clearly and absolutely finds it but at the end of the film you feel as though he has a grasp on his feelings and surroundings. His growth may be simple and shallow but the way that Culkin demonstrates it is memorable. This film is full of astonishing performances and deserves an audience. Go see it and maybe you too will have the same sense of comfort.

Rachel Murphy

Arts & Entertainment Editor

The eternal strife of youth has taken many different cinematic and television turns, from the defiant, *Rebel Without a Cause*, to the nostalgic, *The Wonder Years*. *Igby Goes Down* takes a different tact: pure insolence. Igby (Kieran Culkin) is the youngest son of a social-climbing, drug-popping Mimi (Susan Sarandon), and brother of the perfect young Republican Oliver (Ryan Phillippe).

Having failed in every respectable boarding school on the Eastern seaboard, she enrolls Igby in military school, determined to get him through high school once and for all. Igby breaks out and has to be retrieved once again. Mimi finally finds the last school that will accept him and sends him on his way. He escapes one last time and goes to New York.

There he finds a plethora of colorful and destructive characters. He lives in a loft that he helped build the previous summer with his godfather, DH (Jeff Goldblum), conveniently with his godfather's mistress, played by Amanda Peet. Over the course of the movie, he finds various people that he in one way or another, begs to fall in love with him, all to ill results. This includes Sookie Sapperstein (Claire Daines), who helps him get his GED, which he assumes is his ticket out of high school hell.

*Igby Goes Down* tries to be poignant and in some instances it makes it, but not enough to merit the ticket price. The acting is superb. Jeff Goldblum is at his smarmiest as the rich godfather with the heroine addict mistress. Kieran Culkin proves once and for all that he is a better actor than his brother ever dreamed of being. Amanda Peet once again shows that she means what she says about her no nudity clause by showing her breasts for little to no reason. All of the performances were excellent.

The problem with *Igby* is the script. Burr Steers, the writer/director responsible, gives the actors little emotion to work with except anger and malevolence. The movie flows well, and the soundtrack includes such artists as Coldplay, Beta Band and Pete Dinklage, as well as a stirring score. The only thing missing is sympathy. While watching the film one has no sympathy for anyone. While Igby himself is vulnerable, he throws it in your face that you should care for him while giving you no reason to do so. It is almost like rounding up the most morally detestable people you can find to see who you hate the least.



# America wages war on drugs

Justin Heany —  
Staff Writer

From birth, we are taught that war is never a positive or an effective way to solve a conflict. It is childish and barbaric. It segregates people, destroys communities and ultimately takes lives. It is absolutely the worst method to resolve an issue. The war on drugs is no exception.

Refueled by another 10 billion tax dollars, the new war on drugs is bigger and more ignorant than ever. It is structured around an exploitative and manipulative advertising campaign that uses the built-in hatred of the post- 9/11 pro-America people, and attempts to create a connec-

tion between terrorists and drug users, namely marijuana users, which is weaker than Vice President Dick Cheney's heart.

This war is predominantly alarming when one considers history. When America wages war against its own citizens, it is seen in hindsight as brashly ignorant and globally dishonorable. America did this with American Indians, blacks and more recently with homosexuals. In each and every one of these cases, America waged war, but ultimately realized it was wrong. We should consider history before joining the war on drugs.

We do not need another war. If drugs are a problem, we should approach that problem in a peaceful and proactive way. We can offer counseling to those who admit addiction and dependency. We can create more education-based programs for kids, rather than fear-based programs to which D.A.R.E. and others thrive. We cannot sell it to the public as a war.

By selling this as a war, we are encouraging the American public to continue to be marquee hypocrites. Only in America can an individual super size a Diet Coke, buy a child-safe handgun and drive a

gas-guzzling SUV to a recycling plant that displays bumper stickers supporting the war on drugs and the "United We Stand" movement.

The war on drugs is misguided, ill-advised and just plain wrong. It is time to show our children that we cannot resolve issues, domestic or foreign, by waging war. It is only through diplomatic, proactive, and preventive actions that we truly find what every soldier carrying a loaded M-16 aimed at another human being says they are after...peace.



Jessica Giannola —  
Copy Editor

## My idea of college life

Every morning, I wake up two hours before class starts and prepare myself for the drive ahead of me. I arrive at class to be greeted by people who have just rolled out of bed five minutes ago. Most of these same people have gone to bed only a couple of hours earlier.

Some might say this is college life, sleeping until the last possible moment (i.e., five minutes before class), and staying up into the wee hours of the morning. That is great for those college students, but myself, I could never handle it. So, I go to bed around 11 p.m. each night. I wake up around 7 a.m. the next morning. I like quiet, I like privacy and I like calm.

I'm not one of those people who turns the television or radio on to study. In order to concentrate I need silence. If I were ever in that situation my grades would drop (again, can't study unless it is quiet), my mood would spoil (all that noise would give me a headache), and I'd stay up all

night worrying about how I was unprepared (again back to the studying).

I'm not one of those people who can be around large groups of people every moment of every day. I like my space to be mine. Some might say that I am, or my behavior is, rude, and others might understand that living in a dorm is just not for me.

I am one of those people who has to have a schedule. I wake up every morning and go to bed every night at approximately the same time. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays I have class. The rest of the week I spend working (including Sundays). I don't like unexpected changes in my weekly routine. I schedule the current week's activities at least a week beforehand. What can I say? I am a planner.

So, my freshman year I made the decision to live at home and commute to school. Each way takes about 40 minutes (on a good day), and I have to leave at 8 a.m. for a 9 a.m. class in order to arrive on time. Some of my friends think I am crazy to drive all this way. Some think I am crazy to still be living at home, but it suits me. Besides, I can do most of my planning on the daily commute.

## Campus Talk Do you think that Americans are educated about our country's actions overseas?



"I think they are. Generally, what they get on television is fairly descriptive. What people get on CNN is also fairly descriptive."  
Senior Jessica Roberts



"Some of them are and some of them aren't. People who don't watch TV very much don't have any idea what's going on. I don't ever watch TV, so I have no idea what's going on."  
Sophomore Sarah Barker

"I don't think that people are fully educated about it. I think that we could have a little bit more education and have some kind of tactic to get people more educated."  
Sophomore Elizabeth Bohnert



"I don't believe they are as well educated as they should be. I believe that a lot of it is ignorance and lack of wanting to know."  
Junior Brandon Carter



"Well, no because most Americans are really unappreciative of their positions and we seem to not notice things. Most people don't even know the difference between one country and another over in the Middle East."  
Freshman Randy Nevels

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